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1. Prior to late February 1954, the Kavallerie Schule (2161), Kramnitz, appeared to be occupied as previously. The windows of the quarters buildings were lighted at dusk on all days of observation. On 15 February, a driving school,  was observed in Fahrland. Between 16 and 27 February, numerous tanks, mostly T-34/85 tanks, with 85-mm guns  3 three-axle armored personnel carriers  and 81 guns  were seen in and at the installation. In the early morning on 19 February at least 60 trucks passed through Fahrland, coming from the direction of Kramnitz and proceeding toward Kartzow. The vehicles, which were covered with tarpaulins, drove with dimmed lights at a speed of about 30 km/h. Trucks from the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz, which picked up coal at the Satskorn railroad station,

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2. Between 16 and 20 February, the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) in Nedlitz appeared to be very lightly occupied. On 18 February, about 60 troops were seen in the barrackyard.  On 19 February, eight trucks  were standing in front of the barracks entrance, headed toward Bornstedt.

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3. In the evening on 18 February, the Hohenlohe Kaserne (2291), Nedlitz was fully lighted as previously.

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4. On 18 February, the Darius Kaserne (2289) was occupied as previously. About 100 troops engaged in entrenching work in the training area of the installation. At about 10:30 a.m. on 18 February, at least 1,500 troops were lined up in the Darius Kaserne and, subsequently, passed in review preceded by a military band.

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5. Between 16 and 20 February, the Kavallerie Schule in Xrampnitz appeared to be occupied as previously. Details of about 40 to 50 troops daily left for the Bullenwinkel area. [redacted] 1 25X1
6. Between 15 and 27 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287), Potsdam, was occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. While about 25 armored vehicles, probably 4-wheel armored scout cars, 2 T-34/85 tanks and about 10 trucks were observed in the barracks yard on 15 February, only armored vehicles and 6 trucks were seen there between 17 and 27 February. From mid-February to late February, small details drilled in, and received field training outside of, the installation. On 27 February, intensive firing was held at the Katharinenholz target range. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [redacted] 25X1
7. From mid-February to late February, the Kriegeschule in Potsdam (2288) was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia; and about 40 x 120-mm mortars and about 60 trucks were parked in the yard. On several days, details up to 80 soldiers marched to Bornstedter Feld for field training. On 17 February, about 120 troops fired with carbines in Katharinenholz. [redacted] 3 25X1
8. On 17 February, 3 prime movers towing 1 x 152-mm field gun were seen en route on Bunsenstrasse, coming from the direction of Wildpark and proceeding toward Fedlitz [redacted] more track-laying vehicles must have proceeded on the same route. [redacted] 2 25X1
9. On 19 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by a tank unit. Seven armored personnel carriers and about 10 trucks were seen in the barracks yard. Two groups, each of 40 soldiers, drilled in the barracks yard.
10. On 19 February, the Kriegeschule, Potsdam, was occupied by a mortar unit and an AAA unit. About 30 x 120-mm mortars and about 40 trucks [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard. Details up to 40 soldiers marched to Bornstedter Feld for field training. 3 25X1
11. On 17 and 19 February, the Hoheolphe Kaserne was occupied about 50 percent by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. [redacted] 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. The Kavallerie Schule appears to be occupied as previously. Units of the 10th Gds Tank Div engaged in intensive exercises in the vicinity of the post during the second half of February. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. Beginning in early February, units of the 34th Arty Div [redacted] were rotated to Altonow for firing practices, with 4 shipments returning to Potsdam on 16 February. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the barracks installations. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Prior to 27 February, the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div can be confirmed in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, and, prior to late February, the 299th Gds Mort Regt and the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the division can be confirmed in Kriegeschule. [redacted] 25X1

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